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E. Harvey Miller New Chairman 3-A Services in State

Heppner Man Gets
Posts Vacated by
Robert B. Taylor

E. Harvey Miller, Heppner wheat rancher on Feb. 1 became chairman of the state agricultural conservation (AAA) committee and Oregon director of the field services branches, USDA Production and Marketing Administration.

Miller succeeds Robert B. Taylor of Adams, who resigned to devote full time to operation of his Umatilla county wheat ranch.

Miller brings to the posts of chairman and director a wide background of experience as county committeeman, fieldman and commodity loan specialist. He is a graduate of Oregon State college and a World War I veteran. He operates a 3000-acre wheat and livestock ranch in Morrow county near Heppner, and since last November has served as commodity loan assistant to the state AAA committee.

He was chairman of the Morrow county AAA committee from 1934 to 1942, when he was appointed AAA farmer fieldman for the Columbia basin counties, a post he held for two years. He served in the state legislature as representative from the 22nd district in 1941.

STATE TAX ASSISTANT DUE LATE IN MARCH

The itinerary of the state income tax auditor calls for a day in Heppner to assist patrons in compiling their 1945 state returns. He will be in the court house from 8:30 to 5:00 p. m. March 28.

BREAKS ARM

Mrs. Ellen Bennett suffered an arm fracture Tuesday when she fell at her home in south Heppner. Mrs. Bennett is past 90 years of age and she insists that her arm will be all right, consequently it has not been set.

RECRUITING OFFICER HERE

The army recruiter will be in the selective service office Heppner, every Monday with a supply of discharge buttons and Presidential testimonials. Any veteran, who requires one, can secure a discharge button by showing his honorable discharge button and making payment of ten cents. The testimonials, signed by President Truman, are a fitting recognition of service to be given to any one who served honorably during the war.

Visiting Speaker Tells of Activities of "Ducks Unlimited"

Origin and activities of "Ducks Unlimited" were told to the luncheon group of Heppner chamber of commerce Monday by George Patrick of Strathmore, Alberta, Canada, who with Mrs. Patrick was the guest of Archdeacon and Mrs. Neville Blunt the past week.

As to the origin of the name, Mr. Patrick said it was created in the United States. A group discussing a name was offered the suggestion "Ducks, Limited." One of the party said it was customary to use the term limited in Canada but that in this instance what was needed was ducks unlimited and that name was adopted. Purpose of the organization, as the name implies, is to propagate more ducks, to determine causes of loss and to effect cures. Drought, he stated, caused 20 percent of the loss of duck life.

Secretary George Corwin stated that invitations have been sent to Morrow county prisoners of war to attend the Feb. 12 luncheon.

Thomas H. Nichols Was Resident of County 62 Years

Death came Monday evening to Thomas Hale Nichols, 79, at the family residence in Lexington after an illness of several weeks caused by a paralytic stroke.

Funeral services are being held at the Christian church in Lexington at 2 p. m. today, O. Wendell Herbison officiating and songs by Mrs. Tom Wells accompanied by Miss Marie Barlow. Arrangements are in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home.

Mr. Nichols came to Morrow county in 1884 and this has been his home ever since. The family came from Sparta, Mo., after the father passed away and Thomas had the care of his mother for many years. His chief occupation was farming, in which he actively engaged up until recent months. He was married to Ina B. Leach June 13, 1900 and to this union were born three children, Archie of Lexington and Cletus and Paul of Portland, who, with the mother survive. Other survivors include a brother, Rufus A. Nichols, Puyallup, Wash., Mrs. N. A. Leach, Portland and Mrs. Minnie L. Cicero, Finley, Okla. There are two grandchildren, Billie Nichols, in the armed service and John Thomas Nichols.

Mr. Nichols was a member of the Methodist church. He was a good neighbor, quiet, and willing to do what he could for those around him.

PAUL BROWN MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Brown have been advised by their son Paul that he was married Feb. 4 to Miss Betty Jean Goodman at Everett Wash. Paul, a prisoner of the Japanese from the fall of Bataan until the close of hostilities, remained true to army tradition and chose a girl who likewise was a member of the armed forces. She served two years in the Marine corps.

Wedding details were lacking in the message. The bride is a Portland girl.

SEAL SALES \$1,215.12

Money received from the sale of Christmas seals up to Feb. 1 totalled \$1,215.12, according to Mrs. K. A. House, chairman. Returns have not been made on some of the seals and those holding them are asked to return them or send in the money.

Townies Sign Up Two Fast Teams

Heppner's local town basketball team steps into fast company the next two week-ends when they will entertain first the Walla Walla Business college hoopsters at the local gym Saturday evening, and then the following Saturday engage the New York All-Americans on the home floor.

These two contestants will furnish local fans with the best basketball entertainment they have seen thus far this season, and will provide the local team with by far the toughest competition they have faced to date. Highlight of the season will undoubtedly be Saturday, Feb. 16, when the barnstorming All-Americans play at the high school gym. This is the first time in several years that such a team of professional negro basketball players has visited this section. Their zany antics and clowning add greatly to the show.

SOON TO BE CIVILIAN

Fort Lewis, Wash.—William F. Barratt of Heppner, who for the past two years has served the ASF, will revert to inactive status on Feb. 1946, it was announced today by Lt. Col. J. Willard Wagner, commanding the separation center.

Lt. Barratt will return to Heppner where he will resume his residence.

Snow Measures 48 Inches in Blue Mts.

Official measurements were taken on North Jones prairie Sunday to determine the depth of snow and in that particular area 48 inches of the beautiful was the greatest depth recorded, reports Glen Jorgenson, ranger of the Heppner district. Since the measurements were taken considerable new snow has fallen but to what extent it will increase the supply will not be known until new measurements are taken.

Fifty-one inches is the greatest depth recorded by the forest service on Jones prairie and times are few when a season's snow has exceeded 48 inches in that area. The 48 inches of snow is estimated to hold 12 inches water content.

MRS HOUSE NEW HEAD OF WOOLGROWERS AUX

The Woolgrowers auxiliary, in annual meeting at the Lucas Place Friday afternoon, chose Mrs. K. A. House as president for the ensuing year. Other officers named were Mrs. Cyrene Barratt, vice president; Mrs. Neville Blunt secretary and Mrs. B. C. Pinckney treasurer. Mrs. Stephen Thompson was named program chairman.

Mrs. Stephen Thompson and Mrs. R. I. Thompson gave reports on the recent state woolgrowers convention in Pendleton.

IN TOWN WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Ben Swaggart accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dolven and son to Heppner Wednesday from the ranch at Swaggart Buttes. All people retire from active life Mrs. though past the age when most Swaggart still has a lively interest in the operation of the big ranch.

POSTAL EMPLOYEE

Jackson Holt is assisting temporarily at the Post office due to the resignation of Mrs. Gertrude Applegate who has accepted the job of night shift operator at the telephone office. Postmaster Joe Aiken states that he expects James Driscoll back on the job soon.

PATIENT AT HOSPITAL

Frank Wilkinson is a patient at the Heppner hospital where he is taking treatments and resting up. His son Dick is at home at present running the ranch but may have to return to service at the expiration of his furlough.

SUFFERS ARM INJURY

Claud Graham suffered serious injury to his arm Tuesday morning when a bull he was working with rushed at him and the arm was caught between the gate post and the animal's head.

VISITING RELATIVES

Harlan Devin is spending a few days in Heppner visiting his mother and brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Parker. Harlan returned to his home in Condon last Saturday after being discharged from the army.

Miss Margaret Gillis and Mrs. Sara McNamer went to Portland Wednesday evening to spend a few days.

County Contributes \$1500 to March of Dimes Campaign; Returns About All In

Final figures still are not in but returns to date indicate that Morrow county has donated at least \$1500 to the March of Dimes campaign which officially closed Jan. 31. Chairman Joe Aiken stated Wednesday that he has on hand \$1489.89 and that several small items not yet turned in will undoubtedly bring the fund to \$1500.

Tabulations as of Wednesday give Boardman \$187.38; Irrigon \$11.77; Ione \$673.08; Pine City \$5; Hardman \$6.30; Lexington \$117.18; Cecil

Beckner Retained As Rodeo President; Dinges New Secretary

Lee Beckner was retained as president of the Heppner Rodeo association when a representative group met Friday evening in annual meeting. The new board of directors selected Harry Dinges as secretary succeeding Frank W. Turner who made it clear that he could no longer serve in that capacity.

Directors elected were Edwin Hughes, Cliff Doherty, James Valentine, Claud Buschke and H. D. McCurdy.

Plans for a 1946 show were discussed and the new officers expect to meet in the near future to outline a program so that the association can get in early on stock and talent selection.

While Frank Turner no longer has an official rating with the association, he has assured the officers that he will take care of the tract as in past years and assist with other work about the grounds. Assignments have not been made but it is the guess of those interested that Harlan McCurdy will be in charge of the parade.

HEALTH ASSOCIATION ADDS BOOKS TO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Morrow county Public Health association has placed the following books in the Heppner public library. "New Patterns in Sex Teaching" and "Being Born" by Francis B. Strain; "Home Study Course in Social Hygiene Guidance" consisting of the following lessons: parental preparation for training the child; the questions children ask or do not ask; preparing the child for adolescence; some problems in adolescence; looking ahead to marriage. This is to be taken out by adults only.

P-TA Founders Day To Be Observed Here

Founders' day will be commemorated at the regular February meeting of the P-T.A. at 8 p. m. Wednesday night Feb. 13 in the music room at the high school. Ione P-T.A. will be special guests. Every one who is interested in school is invited to attend whether he has a child in school or not.

Guest speaker for the occasion is Dr. John M. Miller, professor of education and director of the teacher-training school at Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande. He will have something of interest to say to everyone. Miss Rose Hoosier will present the "Choristers" at this time. They are a group of 5th and 6th grade boys who were organized in the middle of January and so far they all sing soprano.

All P-T.A. members are reminded of the box social to be held at the parish house at 7:30 p. m. Feb. 14. Funds received from auctioning off the boxes will be used for a worthwhile cause which the organization is sponsoring.

Work has begun on the three one-act plays to be presented early in March.

City Preparing To Go Ahead With Additional Well

Council Passes
Resolution Calling
For Early Action

A move to augment Heppner's water supply was made Monday evening when the city council passed a resolution calling for immediate drilling of a new well. This action is a revival of Mayor J. O. Turner's proposal of a year ago when he negotiated with A. M. Edwards to drill a well on a guarantee basis but which proposal was tabled indefinitely.

Probably construction of the flood control dam at the mouth of Balm fork which would necessitate re-laying the city water main for a considerable distance is the factor in the proposed additional supply. Site for the well proposed by the mayor is close to town and at an elevation several hundred feet above the floor of the valley. If water is produced at this site it would be possible to pipe it around the hill and establish a reservoir as high or higher than the county's reservoir.

As a result of a visit by a committee representing numerous mothers of the town, the city may convert the building at the swimming tank into a recreation hall for the youth of the town. The Parent-Teacher association and other groups are interested in providing supervised recreation but the city fathers can't see their way clear to enter into this program as yet but did express a willingness to put out some money on fixing up the aforementioned building.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS SLATE MEETING FRIDAY

Veterans who have had foreign service are urged to meet at 8 p. m. Friday Feb 8 at the council chambers at the city hall. Negotiations have been under way to form a post here and the meeting Friday night is for the purpose of perfecting the plans to this end.

Chevrolet Garage Being Remodeled

Looking forward to expanding business as soon as the strike situation clears up and reconversion gets under way in earnest the garage building to give more Hodge Chevrolet Co. is remodeling effective service to the automotive trade in Heppner and vicinity.

Plans call for removing the gasoline pumps from the entrance to the building, permitting the walls to be run out to the corner. This will enlarge the present service station room which will be used for car display. The parts rack now occupying part of the service room will be moved into the machine shop where a special room is being built for that purpose. The office will be moved to the May street front. These changes will permit display of several cars and make for greater efficiency of the entire plant.

Lubrication and tire service will be carried on at the former Lundell service station corner May and Chase streets, which C. L. Hodge recently acquired. Gas and oil service will be available at the garage. The pumps are being moved to just outside the sidewalk line on the Main street side.

Mr. Hodge stated that it is his purpose to give the people of Morrow county as good service as can be obtained anywhere.

Alex Thompson, Sr., has just returned from Honolulu and arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson, for a 30 day leave.